

## **SWIA MHDS Region Policies and Procedures Major Changes for FY21**

- Governing Board-
  - New Voting Members
    - One adult person who utilizes MH/DS services or actively involved relative (currently on board but non-voting)
    - Educational System representative
    - Parent of a child accessing behavioral health services
  - Non-Voting Members
    - Adult Services Provider (currently on board)
    - Children's behavioral health service provider (new)
- MHDS Advisory Board
  - Region must add a children's advisory committee to support implementation of the children's system
    - parent of a child who utilizes services or the actively involved relatives of such child
    - member of the education system
    - early childhood advocate
    - a child welfare advocate
    - children's behavioral health service provider
    - member of the juvenile court
    - pediatrician
    - child care provider
    - local law enforcement representative
    - Governing Board member
- Administrative Team
  - One or more coordinators of children's behavioral health services
    - Region service coordinators have qualifications to also serve children- plan to utilize current staff for now
- Eligibility
  - Will need to add eligibility criteria for children
    - Under the age of 18 and a resident of Iowa
    - Diagnosis of Serious Emotional Disturbance
    - Family income equal to or less than 500% of FPL
    - Sliding fee scale available- which is different than scale for adults

- Quality Management and Improvement
  - Adds school attendance and education to list of outcomes regions are responsible for
  - Current MIS system for adult system will be used as well for kids (CSN)
  - Will add that region employs a data analyst position (did not have this position when region began)
- Appendix
  - Access Points- same as current
  - Federal Poverty Guidelines- update to current year
  - Sliding Fee Schedule- will add new scale for children's behavioral health
  - Service Matrix- edit for children's behavioral health population (currently ID/MI /DD- and what region covers)